

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 19, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants hereby elects Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a cassette device, classified in class 206, subclass 711 for continued examination.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,823,361 to Babbs (hereinafter “Babbs”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,919 to Betsuyaku (hereinafter “Betsuyaku”). Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babbs, Betsuyaku and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,236,548 to Stadler et al. (hereinafter “Stadler”).

The rejection of claims 1 and 3-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babbs in view of Betsuyaku is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable at least in that each of this claim recites a combination of elements, including, for example, “the mother substrate includes a first mother substrate having a plurality of panel regions having a plurality of thin film transistor, a second mother substrate having a plurality of panel regions having a color filter, and a liquid crystal layer between the first mother substrate and second mother substrate” and “the liquid crystal layer is formed by dropping liquid crystal material onto a plurality of panel regions of at least one mother substrate of the first mother substrate and the second mother substrate and attaching the first mother substrate and the second mother substrate each other.” None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable over the cited references.

Claims 3 and 7-13 are allowable at least by virtue of the fact that they depend directly and indirectly from claim 1, which is allowable.

Since the rejected claims 4-6 are cancelled, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4-6

The rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babbs, Betsuyaku and further in view of Stadler is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 2 is allowable at least by virtue of the fact that they depend from claim 1, which is allowable.

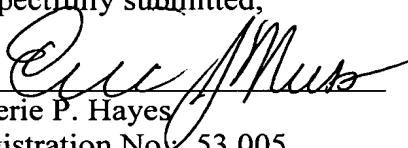
Applicant believes the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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